

Issue 4: INSIDER'S EDGE: The ACA is demanding and we're expanding!

Medicaid Marge here bringing you the latest and greatest on the ACA. This time, the INSIDER'S EDGE has got the scoop on what's in store for Medicaid. (Sadly, this scoop isn't ice cream.)



The Medicaid program is **E-X-P-A-N-D-I-N-G**. Starting January 1, 2014, people with income up to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL) can get coverage in Medicaid. Wait, what? *Everyone*? **YES, EVERYONE!** They don't have to be caretakers. Even childless adults can get full benefits! In fact, everyone who is currently in Medicaid's Primary Adult Care (PAC) Program will **automatically** be enrolled into HealthChoice on January 1. Goodbye PAC Program. Hello, simplicity!

Here's what Medicaid Eligibility will look like starting January 1:

If your household size is this:	You may be eligible for Medicaid if your income* is this:
1	Less than \$15,856
2	Less than \$21,404
3	Less than \$26,951
4	Less than \$32,499
5	Less than \$38,047
6	Less than \$43,595
7	Less than \$49,143
8	Less than \$54,691

**Income eligibility levels for children and pregnant women will be higher because they are not changing. We'll cover the details in a future edition of INSIDER'S EDGE.*

But Marge, you ask, what about foster children?

They're going to be covered too! You may have heard that children can stay on their parents' private plans until they turn twenty-six. Former foster care children who aged out of the system will now qualify for Medicaid until they are twenty-six regardless of their income.



What did I tell you? Health care coverage really **IS** the **HOTTEST TREND** for 2014. Maybe I'll go grab that ice cream to cool off....See you next time!

Got questions? Of course you do! Shoot me an e-mail, dhmh.medicaidmarge@maryland.gov.